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For Immediate Release:

BEERBOWER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FROM EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CHARLESTON -- Matthew D. Beerbower, son of Howard and Lisa Beerbower of Jacksonville, is the recipient of the Jerome Rooke Accountancy Scholarship from Eastern Illinois University.

The award, established in honor of Rooke, a past professor of accounting, is administered through the Eastern Foundation and recognizes an outstanding junior cost accounting student.

In addition, Beerbower was presented with the 1999 National Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Chapter Scholarship.

Eastern's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary society for business, recently received the 1999 Gold Chapter Award in the outstanding chapter competition. This is the highest recognition a chapter can earn. The scholarship is a result of the chapter's award.

Beerbower is a 1996 graduate of Jacksonville High School and a junior accounting major.